and were assured of a meeting with Additional General Manager (Operations), Eastern Railway on 29.10.1987. This meeting was held as scheduled and follow up action is in progress.

Implementation of New Education Policy in Orissa

391. SHRI SUBAS MOHANTY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a)- whether Union Government have been pursuing with the Government of Orissa about the steps taken by the State Government so far in the direction of implementation of the new education policy at the level of higher education; and

(b) if so, the details of the progress made so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Government of Orissa have set up a Cabinet Sub-Committee and an Official level Committee to over-see and monitor the implementation of National Policy on Education— 1986. The Central Advisory Board of Education, at its meeting held on 25-26 June, 1987 'also reviewed the implementation of the N.P.E. in all areas including higher education. Copies of documents entitled "National Policy on Education—1986—Implementation Report" giving the progress of implementation of the National Policy on Education—1986 in the States and the Centre have been laid in both the Houses of Parliament on 28.8.1987.

Navodaya Vidyalaya in Ganjam, Orissa

392. SHRI SUBAS MOHANTY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any demand for opening of a Navodaya Vidyalaya near Bhanjanagar in Ganjam district of Orissa; and

(b) if so, the action taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The proposal received from an Hon'ble Member of Parliament for the establishment of Navodaya Vidyalaya at Bhanjanagar, District Ganjam (Orissa) was forwarded to the State Government for their consideration. An Inspection Team comprising of the representatives of the Central and State Governments inspected Various places offered in the District including Bhanjanagar proposed for the location of the Vidyalaya. After taking into consideration the suitability of different offers of land|buildngs, the Inspection Team, recommended the establishment of the vidyalaya at Village Surangi. The establishment of a Navodaya Vidyalaya at Village Surangi, District Ganjam (Orissa) during 1987-88 has accordingly been sanctioned.

U.G.C. Grants to Berhampnr University

393. SHRI SUBAS MOHANTY; Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the amount sanctioned by the University Grants Commission to the Berhampur University (Orissa) during the Sixth Five Year Plan period;

(b) whether the sanctioned amount had been spent and if not, the amount re mained unutilised;

(c) whether the sanctioned amount had been utilised by the University for the purpose for which it was sanctioned; and

(d) if not, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) For the Sixth Plan schemes of the

Berhampur University (Orissa) a grant) of Rs. 62.24 lakhs has so far been re- j leased by U.G.C.

(b) and (c) According to the information furnished by the U.G.C., the grants have been utilised by the University for the purpose for which they were sanctioned.

(d) Does not arise.

Works undertaken by the Odissi Research Centre, Orissa

394. SHRI SUBAS MOHANTY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state;

(a) whether Government are aware of the work being undertaken by Odissi Research Centre, Orissa for popularising the Odissi music and dance and conducting research on the subjects; and

(b) if so, what are the details of the assistance given by the Union Government or Sangeet Natak Akademi to the Odissi Research Centre during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI):; (a) Yes. Sir.

(b) Odissi Research Centre, Orissa has been set up by the Department of Culture, Government of Orissa. This Institution has not received any financial assistance either from Central Government or from the Sangeet Natak Akademi during the last 3 years.

Water Sports in Chilka Lake in Orissa

395. SHRl SUBAS MOHANTY; Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have a pro posal to introduce water sports in Chilka lake in Orissa; and

(b) if so, the steps taken by the Gov ernment in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRl JAG-DISH TYTLER); (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) On the basis of a proposal received from the Government of Orissa, the Central Ministry of Tourism has accorded a sanction for Rs. 21.96 lakhs for introduction of water sports in Chilka Lake.

Admission of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes in I.I.Ts.

396. SHRI VALLA SESI BHUSHANA RAO: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state •

(a) the number of Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe candidates who se cured admission to the B. Tech. course in the IITs., during 1987; and

(b) the number of Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe candidates who were ad mitted to the said course purely on merit basis in the IITs. during 1987?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOP MENT (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) and (b) Admission to B. Tech. Pro gramme i,n IITs. is made through a Joint Entrance Examination. As per the current regulations, the Cut-off level for admis sion of SC/ST students is kept at 60 per cent of the lowest marks obtained by the students belonging to General Category. A certain number of SC/ ST students not qualifying in the JEE even after the relaxation are put in a preparatory course of about one year duration run in the IITs. and those who qualify the test conducted after completion of the Preparatory Course 'are admitted directly to the B. Tech. Programme. The total number of SC and ST candidates who secured admission to B. Tech. Programme in 1987 is 105, out of which 6 students qualified in the JEE 1987 without any relaxation.